

Michael McNulty – Preparedness Program

- 1) The Funding Opportunity Announcement for both HPP and PHEP was released on February 3, 2017 and is to be submitted by April 4, 2017. KDHE Preparedness is in the process of completing the application including development of state, local, and regional work plans along with associated budgets. Draft work plans for local and regional organizations should be available by the end of the week. KDHE Preparedness will be emailing these drafts to the regional public health coordinators and HCC coordinators. Comments should be addressed to Preparedness (kdhe.preparedness@ks.gov) and should be submitted by March 14, 2017. This application is the first for the new five year project period and must include a strategic vision for the five year program and specific activities to be conducted during budget period one. Draft budget numbers were included with the FOA for the purposes of planning and these numbers were consistent with previous year's funding levels. Final budget numbers are expected with the Notice of Award.
- 2) KDHE Preparedness is coordinating a Task Force to share information regarding the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services Emergency Preparedness Conditions of Participation. This information is available via the "Ready Reader" newsletter that has been and continues to be distributed. The Task Force has been active and has determined that news letters will now be released on Tuesdays on weeks that they are available. KDHE is distributing this information to many local and regional organizations and the Task Force also seeks the assistance of these local and regional agencies to continue to share the information with their local entities and covered providers. Back issues of the Ready Reader are available on KDHE Preparedness's website under the Speciality Providers tab.
- 3) We recently upgraded the software that supports KS-HAN. Current users of the system should have received an invitation to register in the new system early in January. If you did not receive an invitation please contact the KS-HAN administrator at: kdhe.kshanadmin@ks.gov.
- 4) For those who have received Ebola funding please don't wait to spend the funds. Congress is looking at how the funds are being utilized and CDC is feeling pressure to demonstrate the funds were needed and utilized in a timely fashion. Our project officers state that unspent funds create the perception that public health is over funded and doesn't need support.
- 5) KDHE has scheduled interviews for the Exercise Coordinator and Budget Assistant positions with these interviews happening in the next couple of weeks.
- 6) Remember, the end of the third quarter is March 31, 2017 with third quarter reports being due to KDHE Preparedness by April 15, 2017. Please be aware that these dates are approaching quickly.
- 7) KDHE Preparedness will be giving a presentation at the Governor's Public Health Conference on April 26, 2017 at 10:15 titled "Emergency Preparedness: How to Get Your Community Involved." This presentation will focus on activities, challenges and possible solutions to engage a community in an emergency preparedness campaign. KDHE's own Fred the Preparedness Dog will be presenting.

Cristi Cain – Local Public Health Program

KARP--each LHD will develop an individualized plan to make progress on the 8 prerequisites

Conference

Reduced rate for preconference thanks to MPHTC

Questions about budget—fill out salary portion first—worksheet to avoid overallocation

- o Some programs carried their budgets over—easiest thing to do is delete salary portion

- o Question in state formula about amounts of LHD budget from state, federal, etc.—if it comes from KDHE, consider it state

- o For state formula, first year using Survey Monkey—if you make a mistake or want to change something after you have submitted it, e-mail me—we will have to correct it on our end

Debbie Nickels – KS TRAIN

Preparedness Training Information on KS-TRAIN:

- a. Please visit the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) training information on the [KS-TRAIN Calendar](#) or the [KDEM Training Calendar](#) for a full list of upcoming learning opportunities. New sessions for G300 and G400 have been added for March, April, May and June. New training sites include Wamego, Leavenworth, Frontenac, Liberal, Hillsboro and Dodge City. (Hoisington and Andover are FULL.) Remember when you enroll in G300 and G400 courses, KDEM will be reviewing your TRAIN Transcript for listings of the Emergency Management Institute required Independent Study courses: 700, 100, 200 and 800. To have the Independent Study courses verified complete on your TRAIN Transcript see the [FEMA IS Completion Instructions](#).
 - KDEM Trng: (G300) Intermediate Incident Command System Course for Expanding Incidents, **Course ID# 1067262** and KDEM Trng
 - (G400) Advanced Incident Command System Course for Command General Staff, Complex Incidents, and MACS, **Course ID# 1067267**
 - b. Starting January 2017, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) will require all training participants to have a [FEMA Student Identification System](#) (SID) number on file in their KS-TRAIN user profile. Please see the [flyer with instructions](#) on how to get your FEMA SID and how to enter it in your KS-TRAIN profile. A FEMA SID is required to register for and participate in any training provided by FEMA. All FEMA training providers' registration systems and enrollment procedures require a valid FEMA SID. The FEMA SID will serve as your unique identifier and is used to maintain the record of FEMA training you attended. To register or access your FEMA SID [click here](#). In the near future, KDEM, will be using your FEMA SID as your personal identification in an effort to help you keep better track of all your trainings in one central transcript including in-state, and out-of-state trainings provided by FEMA and other approved vendors. To contact the KDEM staff call, 785-646-1412 or email Isabel Herrera at maria.i.herrera13.nfg@mail.mil.
 - c. **Save the date for the: KDHE Preparedness Training and Exercise Planning Workshop** is scheduled for Wednesday, June 28, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Topeka. Hospital and Public Health Regional Coordinators are invited to attend and participate in creating a state-wide strategic plan to meet the HPP-PHEP grant requirements for trainings and exercises. Elisa Nehrbass, Preparedness Training Coordinator will be sending out more details soon. Until then, if you haven't already started, begin talking in the Healthcare Coalition and other Preparedness Meetings about your region's anticipated needs and gaps.
 - d. The final **Public Health Ebola Risk Communications Training** sites are:
Kansas City, Kansas, March 28
Topeka, March 29
Garden City, April 5
- KDHE-BCHS: Ebola Risk Communications Training, Course ID# 1065100** is for the Local Health Department Public Information Officers and applicable KDHE staff participating in the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Preparedness Ebola Supplemental Grant. If you have questions about the training please contact Elisa Nehrbass at enehrbass@kdheks.gov or call 785-296-1882.
- e. The Regional Preparedness Healthcare Coalition Meetings are posted to KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org> for registration. If you do not see your regional meeting on the TRAIN calendar please contact the regional coordinator for the next meeting date.

SEKS Healthcare Coalition Meeting, Course ID #1059500 (is today in Chanute)

NEKS Healthcare Coalition Meeting, Course ID #1059234 (March 7, Topeka)

SWKS Hospital Emergency Response Team HPP Healthcare Coalition, Course ID #1059224 (TBA Garden City)

NWKS Healthcare Coalition Meeting, Course ID #1064649 (March 15, Hays)

NCKS Healthcare Coalition Meeting, Course ID #1059634 (April 21, Salina)

Kansas Metro Regional Healthcare Coalition Meeting, Course ID #1059303 (TBA, Kansas City area)

Kansas Department of Health and Environment Population Health Call 2-28-2017

SCKS Health Care Coalition Meeting, Course ID #1064922 (March 15, Wichita)

Online Course Announcements:

- a. [KDHE: Ebola and Other Infectious Diseases - Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedures \(1067247\)](#) is a one hour online course that was developed to meet public health workforce competency requirements and Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Local Public Health Ebola Supplemental Grant deliverables. The course is also beneficial for new employee orientation training, or as a refresher for healthcare personnel. At the conclusion of the training you will be able to apply the proper cleaning and disinfecting procedures for the Ebola virus and other infectious diseases.
- b. [CASPER: A Rapid Needs Assessment Tool - WB2390](#), Course ID# 1057666 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, will provide a recommended rapid needs assessment framework, to enable states/locals to better respond to and recover from any disaster, whether man-made or natural. This course has continuing education credit for nurses, physicians, health educators, pharmacists and others.

TRAIN 3.0 News:

KS-TRAIN will be navigating to a new TRAIN platform in September. There are numerous new enhancements that will be coming to the learning management system. You can login to www.train.org to view the changes at the national level and try the new system out on your smart phone!

Local Public Health Program:

The **1st Quarter, 2017 Regional Public Health Meetings** agenda includes a variety of topics: WIC Program and Bureau of Family Health (BFH) Updates, Dave Thomason, Deputy Director, BFH; More Choices, More Progress, a presentation from the WSU Community Engagement Institute Staff; and Pregnancy Maintenance Initiative with Catholic Charities. To register go to [KS-TRAIN](#), **Course ID#1068038**. The dates and locations for the meetings are:

- North Central Region, Beloit, March 1
- Northeast Region, Topeka, March 14

If you have ideas for regional meeting topics please contact Teri Caudle at teri.caudle@ks.gov

General Information:

The March issue of Public Health Connections will be coming out soon, http://www.kdheks.gov/olrh/public_health_connections.htm. If you are not on the Public Health Connections distribution list please email PHC@kdheks.gov and request to be added to the distribution list serve.

Approximately, the middle of each month a TRAIN email goes out to regional coordinators and other identified training partners on up-coming live training that is scheduled for the following month. If you would like to receive this monthly email please send your email address to Debbie.Nickels@ks.gov.

KS-TRAIN:

Login Information: kdhe.helpdesk@ks.gov

KS-TRAIN general emails, kdhe.kstrain@ks.gov

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Ginger Park – Bureau of Health Promotion

This week KDHE posted the 2015 Local BRFSS Reports. The Kansas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is a random digit-dial telephone survey conducted among non-institutionalized adults age 18 years and older residing in a private residence or college housings with a landline and/or cell-phone service. More than 20,000 adult Kansans participated in the 2015 survey, comprising a sample large enough to provide reliable information on 41 health risk indicators for 41 counties and 16 Public Health Preparedness Regions. These reports are designed for public health officials, community leaders and policy makers to identify health conditions and behaviors related to chronic and communicable diseases, disability and injury. Please share these data with others in your community.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Tips from Former Smokers Campaign is running right now and has been extended to run nationally for up to 29 weeks. The Campaign began in mid-January. Ads are running on national cable, network broadcast, and national Hispanic TV + digital ads and other.

KDHE printed some 2016 Tips print ads as posters. Please contact Carol Cramer at carol.cramer@ks.gov if you would like posters to distribute in your area.

Tips campaign supporters can post and/or link to *Tips* information and resources on their Web sites, including *Tips* buttons, banners, ads, videos, fact sheets, and other resources found on the campaign Web site CDC.gov/tips.

Many groups and individuals follow CDCTobaccoFree social media platforms, including Facebook and Twitter, where tobacco prevention and cessation information is shared along with *Tips* campaign messages.

Stephanie Green – Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention

Disease Intervention Positions throughout the state are now fully staffed, with ten filled positions throughout the state each assigned specific geographic areas.

We have also been able to fill all of our regional nurse consultant positions! However, shortly after all positions were filled, we learned that Patti Kracht would be retiring, and Stephanie Lambert would be moving out of state, so we are working to fill those positions now.

In addition, our long time TB nurse, Ginny Dowell retired and moved out of state to be closer to her grandkids, so for those of you used to working with Ginny, you will likely be talking to Lisa Johnston now. We are also working to fill this position currently.